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Late March 1949

- On 1 February 1949 the Wismuth Corporation in SIEGMAR-SCHÖNHAU (N 51/K 55) gave the following instruction to the Reichsbahn Administration:

The CHEMNITZ-NILBERSDORF (N 51/K 66) transshipment station is assigned as forwarding agency of the Wismuth Corporation. The Wismuth Corporation has to be given by telephone (No. 39310), the following details of each arriving railroad car consigned to the Wismuth Corporation: Day and time of arrival, train and car number, contents, weight, station of origin.

All employees are to be given detailed instructions and strictest confidence is to be observed.

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January 1949

- The main administration and part of the research institute (laboratories) of the Wismuth Corporation were shifted to CHEMNITZ-SIEGMAR (administration building of the "Auto-Union" Plant) on 20 December 1948. The supply department, APN 27 304 (Wismuth Corporation) was transferred to CHEMNITZ-SIEGMAR.

- Two geological institutes (laboratories), existed on 10 January 1949, one in CHEMNITZ and one in AUE.*

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December 1948

- The plant was designated: "Dvigately" Large Repair Plant of the Soviet Wismuth Corporation.
- Location: SIEGMAR-SCHÖNHAU.
- Work force: 500 employees on 24 October 1948; 800 on 28 October 1948.

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automobile and engine mechanics, lathe hands, circular grinders, spring smiths, as well as interpreters experienced in automobile terms were continuously enlisted.

7. Work capacity: 4,000 motor vehicles of the Wismuth Corporation were serviced. Expansion work was scheduled.

8. a. The following trucks were observed at the plant:

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b. The following trucks were standing on the highway in front of the plant:

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December 1948

9. The new motor pool of the Wismuth Corporation was in the CITTE abattoir which also housed a supply depot.

10. Various motor vehicles were observed in the abattoir on 29 December 1948. As entry to the abattoir was not permitted, it could only be seen from the outside that the car numbers ranged between [REDACTED] 25X1C

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End of January 1949

11. The transfer of the management of the Wismuth Corporation to SIEGMAR-SCHOENAU is completed for which more than five hundred apartments and a number of public buildings in SIEGMAR-SCHOENAU had to be evacuated. The evacuees were allowed to take their household items except the lighting installation. The requisitioned town sector is a square formed by the Pöfer, Limbacher, Kaufmann and Leipzigerstrasse. Other favorably located objects in the remaining town areas had to be vacated for the Soviets. About 15 jeeps were used by Corporation members.

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April 1949

12. a. The following press report was published:

"BERLIN, 15 March (Own correspondent - G.M.)

"Expansion of Uranium Mining.

"The uranium mining operations now extend as far as to the immediate vicinity of CITTE. Two hundred apartments had to be vacated in RABENSTEIN, located 4 miles west of CITTE, for housing the mining management. Uranium deposits were discovered in SIEGMAR-SCHOENAU near CITTE. " **

b. The administration of the Wismuth Corporation managing the entire uranium mining was housed in the administration building of the "anderer" Plant in SCHOENAU. The administration personnel numbered about three thousand, mostly Soviet employees.

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Comment The report gives detailed information on the known transfer and concentration of the administration offices of the Bismuth Corporation. These offices were transferred to the administration building of the "Auto-Union" plant in CHEMITE-SIEGMAR. A large repair shop was established in the former "Auto-Union" plant in SIEGMAR-BOCKENAU.

- * The same source reported, supplementing later observation of February 1949, that the branch office remaining in AUE of the geological institute (laboratory) that was transferred to CHEMITE-SIEGMAR, was now also transferred to SIEGMAR.
- ** It was ascertained that this press report is not correct. CHEMITE is outside the restricted area. The excavation activities referred to in the press report are not prospecting operations but leveling work for the construction of projected cantonment buildings for the Uranium Mining Administration.

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